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TO: Insurers Writing Credit Property Insurance in South Carolina in Conjunction with Consumer Credit Transactions subject to 1966 S.C. Act No. 988, Consumer Finance Law

FROM: Raymond G. Farmer
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SUBJECT: Notice of Tentative 2018 Credit Property Insurance Rates and Opportunity to Request a Hearing

DATE: July 28, 2017

I. NOTICE OF TENTATIVE CREDIT PROPERTY INSURANCE RATES

Regulation 69-11.1, Regulation of Credit Insurance, requires the South Carolina Department of Insurance to promulgate tentative rates for credit property insurance by August 1 of each year. The tentative rates are those the Department believes may reasonably be expected to produce a loss ratio of not less than fifty percent (50%) in the following calendar year. This bulletin constitutes official notice of the tentative rates for 2018.

The Department has reviewed past loss experience for credit property insurance written in conjunction with consumer credit transactions subject to the Consumer Finance Law. The aggregate 2016 loss ratio at prima facie rates is forty-one and three tenths percent (41.3%). The aggregate 2015 loss ratio at prima facie rates was twenty-six and two tenths percent (26.2%).

The average loss ratios from 2007 to 2016 by coverage are as follows:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Loss Ratio</u>
Automobile, Fire and Theft – Single Interest	41.6 percent
Automobile Collision – Single Interest	41.6 percent
Household Goods – Single Interest	95.6 percent
Household Goods – Dual Interest	6.4 percent

The tentative rates expressed as a percentage of the total amount of the loan are as follows:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Tentative Rate</u>
Automobile, Fire and Theft – Single Interest	.0093 percent
Automobile Collision – Single Interest	.0348 percent
Household Goods – Single Interest	.0484 percent
Household Goods – Dual Interest	.0102 percent

Based on premiums earned in 2016, the overall impact resulting from these tentative rates would be zero and two tenths percent (0.2%).

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

Regulation 69-11.1.C.(4) provides that “every insurer which feels aggrieved by any of the rates so promulgated shall have fifteen days to request a public hearing with respect to such rate or rates.” Accordingly, all requests for a hearing must be submitted to the Department in writing on or before August 15, 2017. Please direct any requests for a hearing to the attention of:

Steve DuBois
South Carolina Department of Insurance
Post Office Box 100105
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All requests must include documentation supporting your position that the tentative rates for credit property insurance need to be changed. After any requested hearings have been held, the final rate or an affirmation of the tentative rate shall be sent to all companies before October 1, 2017.

III. QUESTIONS

Any questions or concerns about this Bulletin should be submitted in writing to the attention of:

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